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Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Dear Mr. Weinstein:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the defect reporting regulations in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573.

1. Name of Manufacturer and Importer

Manufacturer: Suzuki Motor Corporation

Importer: American Suzuki Motor Corporation

2. Identification of Motor Vehicles Potentially Involved

Affected vehicles are 2004 GSX-600FK4 motorcycles produced from April 15, 2004 through May 12, 2004.

3. Total Number of Motor Vehicles Involved

15 motorcycles

4. Percentage of Motor Vehicles Estimated to Contain the Defect

100%

5. Description of Defect

The fuel gauge gasket may have been misaligned at the time of assembly. A misaligned fuel gauge gasket can become cut and can cause fuel to leak from the fuel tank. Attached is an illustration showing the fuel gauge gasket.

6. Chronology of Principal Events

June 1, 2004 - A fuel tank leak was found in a GSX-750FK4 motorcycle (which uses the same fuel gauge and gasket as the GSX-600FK4) at the time of assembly line inspection. An investigation was initiated to determine the cause and extent of the condition.

7. Description of Corrective Action

Suzuki will conduct a safety-related recall to correct the defect in affected motorcycles. On June 11, 2004, American Suzuki contacted dealers who had been shipped affected units, by telephone, to inform them of Suzuki's investigation and to request them to not sell any affected units until after completion of the investigation. American Suzuki made follow-up contact with affected dealers on June 18, 2004, to inform them of Suzuki's decision to conduct a safety-related recall and to request them to install a new gasket on all affected units prior to sale. American Suzuki is also contacting one retail customer who purchased an affected unit, by telephone, to inform the customer about the recall and the need to visit his or her dealer to have the recall service performed.

8. Copy of Notices

Attached is a copy of the initial recall notification letter that Suzuki Motor Corporation sent to American Suzuki Motor Corporation. Dealer and owner recall notification are being conducted by telephone.

9. Suzuki Campaign Number

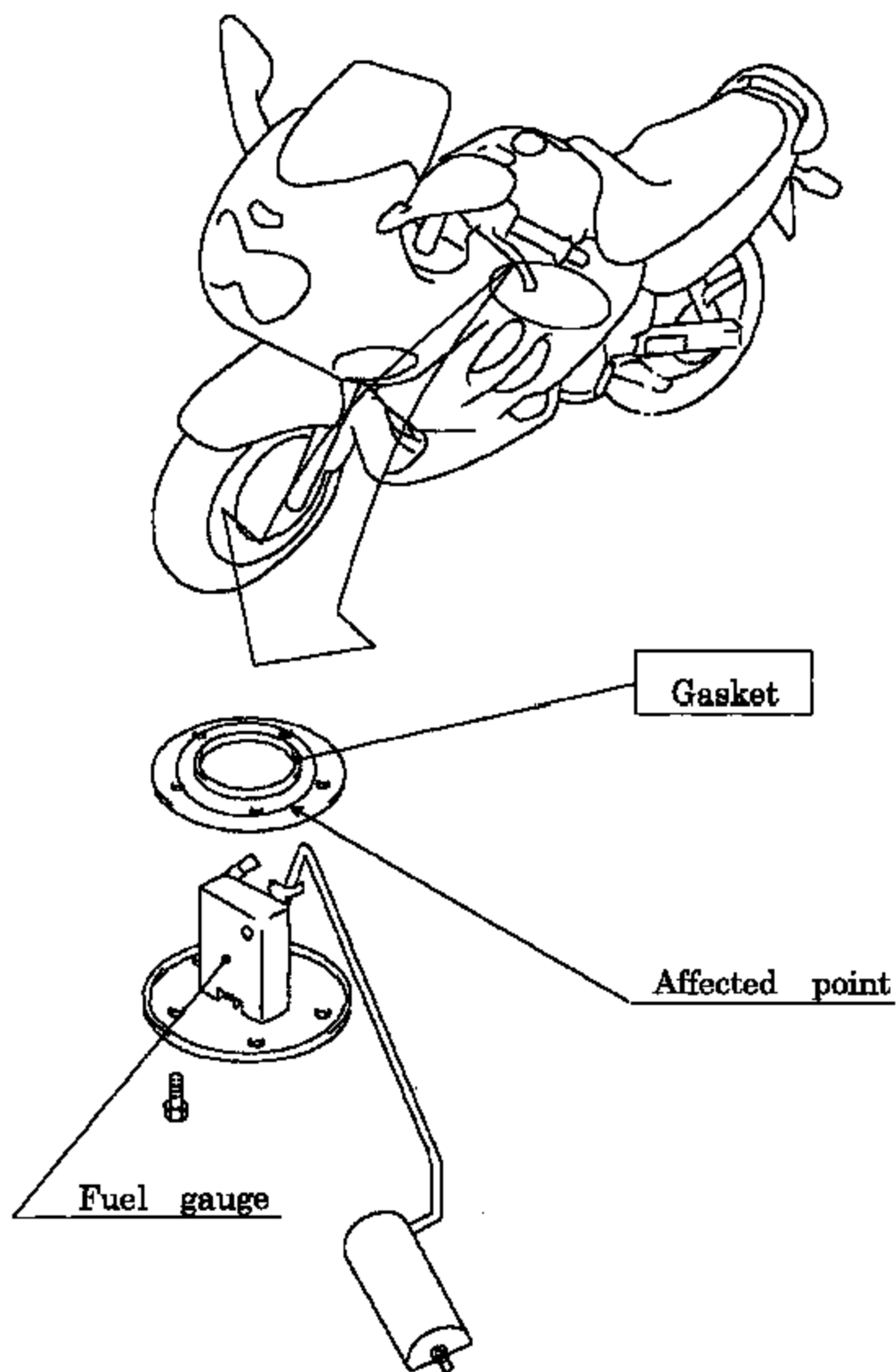
Suzuki does not have a campaign number for this recall.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION



Kenneth M. Bush
Regulations Manager
Government Relations Department





SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION
MOTORCYCLE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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Date: June 18, 2004

TO : American Suzuki Motor Corporation
ATTN: Mr. M Kato, President
Mr. N.Fukui, Executive Director

SUBJECT : Recall Campaign for Fuel leakage from fuel gauge gasket on GSX600FK4

We have found that there is a possibility of fuel leaking from the fuel gauge gasket due to the misalignment of the gasket at the time of assembling.

To prevent the fuel leaking, the gasket of fuel gauge must be replaced with new one's on following affected units

Model	Sales number	No. of units
GSX600FK4	AAD-2707	60 units

You are kindly requested to modify the affected units with the parts delivered to you and please take necessary steps as to inform authority regarding the recall campaign.

The replacement parts and replacement procedure will be sent to you by separately.
After replaced the gasket on these units, please issue the warranty applications as below.

Claim category	: Blank (regular claim)
Trouble code	: 72-47
Causal part number	: 34825-45100
Causal part name	: gasket, fuel gauge
Quantity	: 0 (zero)
Job code	: D10900
Labor	: 0.6 hours

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to you and thank you in advance for your kind understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Best regards,



H. Nakamura



T. Machii
General Manager
Motorcycle service Dept.